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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

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Our comments and suggested changes to the latest draft of the unclassified NSCID are itemized below. The changes proposed for paragraph 8 are of high interest to the DDS&T and it would be useful, I think, for our committee to get together and discuss all the comments that have been submitted before asking [redacted] to go to the trouble of putting together another draft.

Paragraph 3.a.(1) - We hope that the rest of the community (especially DOD) would accept this wording, but feel that the word "allocation" is probably too strong for them. A substitute wording which might be more acceptable would be "coordinate allocation."

Paragraph 3.a.(3) - Suggest change to read: "Designating the chairmen and ensuring the staffing of all etc."

Paragraph 3.b.(1) - Suggest change to read: "Provide for authoritative and responsible staff management of the intelligence community as a whole."

Paragraph 3.b.(3) - If the definitions are to be included, we feel that the following one should be added to the list in footnote 1:

"Interdepartmental Intelligence which is the product of interagency collaboration at a less than national level as, for example, publications of USIB committees and USIB-sponsored ad hoc working groups."

Paragraph 3.b.(6) - Concur with the ADDI proposal to delete. (In other cases where we do not address the ADDI comments, non-concurrence should not be inferred; we simply had no comment or felt it was more properly a topic for the ADDI).

Paragraph 3.b.(7) - Concur with the ADDI in deletion of the word "departmental."

Paragraph 3.b.(9) - There are other sources of information besides the FBI. Suggest a period after the word "agreements" and deletion of the last three lines of the paragraph.

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Paragraph 3.b.(12) & (13), 6.(b), and 7(b) - These functions are in accordance with normal procedures and good management practices. In the interest of shortening the paper, suggest deletion of these paragraphs.

Paragraph 5.a. - This paragraph invites proposals for finite splits in production responsibilities, whereas in many cases close coordination and even overlap in production results in a better product. In any case, this subject is adequately covered in paragraph 3. Recommend deletion.

Paragraph 7.(c) - Suggest change to read as follows: "Provide to the Director of Central Intelligence all of the information required for and data deemed necessary by him in the exercise of his responsibilities."

Paragraph 8.a. - Experience has shown that general agreements between heads of departments seem to be transitory in nature and certainly more temporary than one would desire. The following wording of paragraph 8.a. will authorize the DCI to implement specific management details necessary to carry out his responsibilities:

"Intelligence collection resources involved in national technical verification of or related to international agreements such as those on strategic arms limitation and limited nuclear test bans will be managed by an Executive Committee under the chairmanship of the Director of Central Intelligence with (blank) and (blank) as other members. The Director of Central Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, will issue directives to implement the necessary management organization and operating procedures."

Paragraph 8.b. - The term "Executive Agent" is not well understood by all agencies and the paragraph as written allows the exercise of too much prerogative on the part of NSA. The following is more specific:

"The National Security Agency will have primary responsibility for signal intelligence collection and processing as a service of common concern responsive to the priorities and requirements established by the DCI."

Paragraphs 8.c. thru 8.g. - This draft is the only NSCID document that specifically defines CIA as opposed to DCI responsibilities. We feel there is merit in highlighting these in one paragraph. We have done this with a revised paragraph "c" below, which includes old 8.c. - 8.d. and adds a Sigint function. The final old paragraph 8.h. would then become 8.d.:

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"8.c. The CIA shall have the responsibility for:

(1) Providing official liaison between US intelligence organizations and foreign intelligence services and coordinating activities and information flow that may result from these relationships. The DCI will promulgate such additional directives as may be necessary to establish implementing procedures.

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(4) Operating a national photographic interpretation center as a service of common concern. The departments or agencies represented in the USIB should continue to be individually responsible for the photographic interpretation and production of photographic intelligence in support of established departmental or Agency responsibilities.

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